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CONSERVATION OF WETLANDS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating to formulate any new programme for conservation of wetlands in the country in view of the global warming ;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal for the conservation of Vembanad wetland system in Kerala;

(d) If so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Union Government thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. No new programme is under consideration for conservation of wetlands in the country in view of global warming. However, a National Wetland Conservation Programme is already in existence under which 103 wetlands have so far been identified for conservation in the country. These are supported for activities like survey & demarcation, catchment area treatment, water management, protection measures, fisheries development, weed control, wildlife conservation, pollution abatement, eco-development activities, etc.

(c) to (e) A proposal for conservation of Vembanad lake has been received recently from the State Government with a proposed estimated cost of Rs. 2.5 crore. However the proposal does not have the approval of the State Steering Committee for wetlands constituted for this purpose, which is an essential requirement. The State Govt. has been advised to resubmit the proposal after obtaining the approval of the Steering Committee.